



RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MAYOR TO UNDERTAKE AN EXPERIMENTAL AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECT UTILIZING SHIPPING CONTAINERS OR OTHER MICRO-UNITS FOR HOUSING PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing is an enduring issue in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that the affordable housing problem is a complex one that must be addressed on a number of fronts using a variety of creative solutions; and

WHEREAS, micro-units are small living spaces that are usually around 200 to 400 square feet which often include a small living/bedroom area, a small bathroom, and a kitchenette; and

WHEREAS, in cities in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, and the Netherlands, shipping containers have been repurposed into micro-unit housing; and

WHEREAS, in Vancouver, British Columbia, a shipping container housing development was built in the city's Downtown Eastside to provide homes for women escaping homelessness or unsafe housing; and

WHEREAS, in Detroit, Michigan, plans are being considered for an occupied shipping container homestead; and

WHEREAS, some of the advantages of shipping container housing include their strength, durability, availability of material, and cost; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 46-15, authorizes the mayor of each county to designate areas of land for experimental and demonstration housing projects, the purposes of which are to research and develop ideas that would reduce the cost of housing in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that an experimental and demonstration housing project to explore the use of shipping containers or other micro-units for housing purposes would be beneficial in addressing the City's affordable housing problem; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Mayor is requested to undertake an experimental and demonstration project utilizing shipping containers or other micro-units for housing purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is further requested to explore the potential use of public land to undertake the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Planning and Permitting is requested to provide a report to the Council by May 1, 2015 identifying possible sites to conduct the project; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Director of Planning and Permitting.

INTRODUCED BY:

Ron Menor

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

January 23, 2015
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION 15-17, CD1, FD1

Introduced: 01/23/15 By: RON MENOR

Committee: PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY
AND WELFARE

Title: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MAYOR TO UNDERTAKE AN EXPERIMENTAL AND
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT UTILIZING SHIPPING CONTAINERS OR OTHER MICRO-UNITS FOR
HOUSING PURPOSES.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

02/10/15	PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE	CR-33 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED IN CD1 FORM.
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02/18/15	COUNCIL	RESOLUTION AMENDED TO FD1. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, PINE. CR-33 AND RESOLUTION 15-17, CD1, FD1 WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, PINE.
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I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



GLEN TAKAHASHI, ACTING CITY CLERK



ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER